

Four Houses at Thornwood, Hawick Landscape Statement

There are currently six trees within the site. The intention is to retain them all. Three will likely need to be moved. It is hoped that this work will be done in mid-February subject to planning approval, while the trees are still dormant.

It may be possible to retain a fastigate beech (Refer to Tree Survey Plan (1)) within the parking court, but it is close to the proposed crib wall and may need to be moved 16 metres to the boundary between the two parking courts. A compact common birch (2) lies within the footprint of House no 1. It is intended to relocate this 7 metres toward the south west corner of the site. The second fastigate beech lies too close to House no 1 and will be moved 16 metres to the boundary between the parking courts. Any trees lost will be replaced.

It is intended to reinforce the existing mixed hedgerow on Weensland Road to be retained between the two new accesses with more mixed hedging on the inside of the hedge thickening it to 1.2 metres width when mature. Bare root hedging will be installed with protection.

The crib retaining walls will be planted with bedding and trailing plants.

The roof gardens will be landscaped with a moss habitat to maximise carbon capture. Fast growing pleurocarp mosses will be planted with light shade canopy of ferns and shrubs such as camelia, fatsia, hosta, hydrangea, set in large river stone beds, To maintain optimum environment for the moss garden, automated sprinkler irrigation using recycled wastewater will be installed. Access for future maintenance will be via an openable stair rooflight.

The existing lawned garden ground will be retained, and turfed or seeded where any disturbance has occurred from construction work. Boundary wire fences will be planted with beech hedging between gardens.

All this work will be done in accordance with best practice standards.

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